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SUBJECT: ARAB FUNDING FOR UNRWA

REF: CAIRO 4347 (NOTAL)

1. AFTER CONSIDERABLE TONGUE-BITING, WE FEEL COMPELLED COMMENT ON PARA 2 REFTL. RECOGNIZING THAT EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT ITSELF IS NOT RPT NOT IN POSITION ALLOT ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO UNRWA, WE ARE DISTURBED BY SHARARA'S COMMENT TO FRENCH DCM RE NEED FOR SOME "TOKEN MOVE" ON PART OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WHICH "COULD BE USED TO PROMPT ARABS TO CONTRIBUTE MORE THEMSELVES."

2. IN ADDRESSING SUCH ARGUMENTS, WHICH HAVE BECOME ALL TOO FAMILAR OVER LAST SEVERAL YEARS, ADDRESSEES SHOULD BE AWARE THAT USG HAS CONTRIBUTED SINCE BEGINNING  
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LAR ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA. WE REGARD THIS SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION, WHICH COVERS APPROX ONE QUARTER TOTAL AGENCY DEFICIT FOR CY 1975, AS SOMETHING MORE THAN "TOKEN MOVE" IN SUPPORT OF UNRWA. APPEARS OBVIOUS THAT GOE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS (AND PERHAPS FRENCH AS WELL) REMAIN OBLIVIOUS OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, EVEN THOUGH UNRWA COMGEN RENNIE TOOK PAINS TO HIGHLIGHT IT DURING MAR 21 ADCOM MEETING, WHICH WAS CHAIRED BY FRENCH AMB. TO LEBANON AND AT WHICH AMB. ABBAS HILMI SIDKI, DIR. OF PALESTINE AFFAIRS, EGYPTIAN FONMINY, REPRESENTED EGYPT.

3. WE FRANKLY DISMAYED TO DISCOVER THAT SOPHISTICATION RE FACTS OF UNRWA FINANCIAL CRISIS HAS NOT RPT NOT PROGRESSED BEYOND LEVEL INDICATED REFTEL, PARTICULARLY SINCE ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR AGENCY DECISIONS ON REDUCTIONS IN SERVICES IS IMMINENT. IN OUR VIEW, TIME HAS COME TO CEASE HIDING USG LIGHT UNDER BUSHEL. SUBJECT TO DEPT'S CONCURRENCE, WE HOPE ADDRESSEE POSTS WILL LOSE NO OPPORTUNITY, WHENEVER SUBJECT OF UNRWA FINANCES MAY ARISE, TO MAKE HOST GOVTS AWARE OF FACT THAT USG HAS DONE HANDSOMELY BY AGENCY IN ITS HOUR OF DIREST NEED. EVEN IF--AS NOW SEEMS LIKELY--WEALTHY ARAB STATES CANNOT BE PERSUADED TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNRWA IN VERY NEAR FUTURE SO AS TO AVOID SIGNIFICANT CUTBACKS IN AGENCY SERVICES, WE SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PUT UP WITH KIND OF NONSENSICAL ARGUMENTS VOICED BY SHARARA. GODLEY

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